

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Joseph P. Estrera et al.

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING RADIATION
INCORPORATING A HARDENED PHOTOCATHODE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility divisional patent application entitled "Method and System for Detecting Radiation Incorporating a Hardened Photocathode" by Joseph P. Estrera, Adriana Giordana and John W. Glesener, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the application at Page 1, line 1, by inserting the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/383,116, filed August 25, 1999, by Joseph P. Estrera, Adriana Giordana and John W. Glesener and entitled "Method and System for Detecting Radiation Incorporating a Hardened Photocathode".--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice Claims 1-15 and maintain Claims 16-20 in the instant application.